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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 154688

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TRIGUEROS WHO ATTENDED LIMA SESSIONS AND WHO WILL ALSO ATTEND SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. TRIGUEROS INDICATED THAT FONOFF IS CURRENTLY STUDYING OAS CHARTER TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE REVISIONS AND WILL SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEW THE RIO TREATY. HE INDICATED THAT THOUGHT WAS BEING GIVEN TO WAYS IN WHICH PERMANENT COUNCIL, AS ORGANIZATION'S PRINCIPAL POLITICAL BODY, COULD BE STRENGTHENED VIS-A-VIS SECRETARIAT (THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS OCCASIONALLY INDICATED THAT IT BELIEVES THAT THE SECRETARIAT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL WIELD TOO MUCH POWER AND PRESTIGE.)

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HOWEVER, TRIGUEROS SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE A RIDACAL

OVERHAUL OF THE STRUCTURE WA EEITHER NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.
HE REITERATED FONMIN BORGONOVO'S STATEMENT AT THE OASGA
LAST APRIL THAT THE WEAKNESS IN THE ORGANIZATION LIES IN
THE LACK OF POLITICAL WILL OF THE MEMBERS RATHER THAN IN
THE SHORTCOMINGS IN THE CHARTER ITSELF.

2. IN RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL CONCERNING THE
IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MODERATES IN THE
FORTHCOMING MEETING, TRIGUEROS SAID THAT SALVADORAN
DELEGATION WILL NOW BE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO ASSERT
ITS VIEWS. HE NOTED TOO THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN WASHINGTON
IS MUCH BETTER SUITED FOR REASONED DISCUSSION THAN THAT OF
LIMA WHERE THE HOST TO THE CONFERENCE ENJOYED A NATURAL
ADVANTAGE IN PROMOTING ITS OWN IDEAS. TRIGUEROS AGREED
THAT THE OAS SHOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR COOPERATION
RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE US AND LATIN
AMERICA, NOTING THAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CECLA
ALREADY EXIST WHEREIN HEMISPHERIC NATIONS MAY DELIBERATE
WITH US PARTICIPATION.

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